

# RANKIN FAMILY



Edward Emmett Rankin (1840–1911) and his wife Edna Jerusha Broiles Rankin were encouraged to move to Arlington in 1874 by Dr. Stokley Broiles. They had five children: Rebecca, Wilson, Emmett Edward, Wallace and Sue. They farmed on Arkansas Lane for eight years and then moved to town. Edward opened the Rankin Hardware Company which sold almost anything you could name. It was located in the 100 block of East Main Street, and operated it until it had to close because of the Great Depression.

By the late 1890’s, daughter Rebecca had received her teaching degree and was teaching in Arlington’s under-funded and poorly equipped public school system. In 1895, Emmett Rankin encouraged others to join him in establishing Arlington College, a private school for students in grades one through ten. Over the years, the College evolved into the present day University of Texas at Arlington.

OUR STUDENTS' WORK IS OUR RECOMMENDATION.									
ARLINGTON COLLEGE.									
W. W. FRANKLIN, PRESIDENT.									
REPORT OF <i>Miss Fannie Watson</i>									
6-MONTH ENDING <i>May 17</i>									
DEMERITS									
DEPARTMENT <i>92</i>									
REMARKS									
DAYS ABSENT									
TIMES TARDY									
STUDIES									
Primary Department.									
Orthography									
Reading									
Language									
Writing									
Arithmetic									
Geography									
Nature Studies									
Drawing									
Vocal Music									
Preparatory Department.									
Spelling—Intermediate									
Reading—Nature Studies									
Grammar—Elementary									
Grammar—Intermediate									
Composition									
Arithmetic—Elementary									
Arithmetic—Intermediate									
Geography—Complete									
History—Texas									
History—United States									
Academic Department.									
Word Analysis									
Grammar—Complete									
Rhetoric—Practical									
Arithmetic—Complete									
Algebra—Elementary									
Algebra—Intermediate.									
Algebra—Advanced.									
Geometry—Plane.									
History—Universal.									
Literature—American.									
Classics—American.									
Civil Government.									
Physics.									
Latin—Beginning.									
Collegiate Department.									
Rhetoric—Advanced.									
Latin—Caesar.									
Latin—Cicero.									
Greek—Anabasis.									
Fine Arts Department.									
Elocution.									
Piano.									
Violin.									
Mandolin.									
Guitar.									
Vocal.									
Harmony.									
Musical History.									
Business Department.									
Penmanship.									
Commercial Arithmetic.									
Book Keeping.									
100—Perfect. 90—Excellent. 85—Passing. 80—Fair. Below 75—Poor.									

The Rankins were very civic-minded and Emmett’s contributions included becoming the first Justice of the Peace in 1885, serving as a Director of the Citizen’s National Bank, and serving as Mayor from March 10, 1885 until April 10 the same year. Because of this he was often called “Squire” Rankin. He also was instrumental in securing land for the building of the Christian Church (First Christian Church) at the corner of Mesquite and South Streets in 1893.

Third generation Arlington residents included grandchildren Edward E. III, Robert, Edna and Bess. Edward E. and Edna graduated from Arlington Training School, (1913 – 1916) the third incarnation of Arlington College. Bess taught in the Arlington Public Schools for thirty years and Bess Rankin Elementary school is named in her honor.

*Inscription by Susie Peterson Dixon and David Peterson, Fourth Generation after Edward and Edna Rankin, 2008*

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## Arlington College Report Card for Miss Fannie Watson

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